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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

On page 9, please replace Table 2 with the following Table 2:

Table 2.
Comparison between a NOV1 polypeptide and thymosin beta-10 from human

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>gb|AAA36746.1| (M92383) thymosin beta-10 [Homo sapiens]
      Length = 49

      Score = 84.5 bits (192), Expect = 3e-16
      Identities = 34/40 (85%), Positives = 36/40 (90%), Gaps = 1/40 (2%)

NOV1 : 1  MADKPDIGEIASFNKAKLKKTEMQE-NTLLTKEAIEQEKR 39 (SEQ ID NO:2)
      |||||+|||||+||||||| || ||||| || |||||
Sbjct: 6  MADKPDMEIASFDKAKLKKTTETQEKNTLPTKETIEQEKR 45 (SEQ ID NO:34)
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Beginning on page 9, kindly replace Table 3 with the following Table 3:

Table 3.
Multiple Sequence alignment of a NOV1 polypeptide and the thymosin beta family